



ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 9, 2004

Lisa W. Starnes
Town Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. To vote, complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s), like this:
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.

SELECTMAN

Vote for not
for three years more than TWO

CRIS BLACKSTONE 544

TIMOTHY KINNON 428

JAMES C. WASHBURN 565

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

SELECTMAN

Vote for not
for one year more than ONE

ALAN SHERWOOD 795

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS

Vote for not
for three years more than ONE

JOSEPH R. HOULE 807

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Vote for not
for three years more than ONE

DAVID D. BIRDSEY 524

JANICE E. GRAHAM 340

(Write-in)

FIRE WARD

Vote for not
for three years more than ONE

RICHARD QUINDLEY 824

(Write-in)

FIRE WARD

Vote for not
for two years more than ONE

JOHN H. SCOTT 801

(Write-in)

FIRE WARD

Vote for not
for one year more than ONE

KENNETH ROBERTS 774

(Write-in)

MODERATOR

Vote for not
for two years more than ONE

MARK A. NORTHRIDGE 837

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Vote for not
for three years more than ONE

MARK S. DIVITO 825

WATER
COMMISSIONER

Vote for not
for three years more than ONE

MALCOLM "MAL" SIMONDS 839

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Vote for not
for three years more than THREE

GERALD P. THEODORA 690

L. Boyce 83

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Vote for not
for two years more than THREE

Jay Pivnicki 3

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Vote for not
for one year more than ONE

KEN GILBERT 773

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

Vote for not
for three years more than TWO

THOMAS HOOPES 716

STEPHANIE N. VERDILE 631

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST

Vote for not
for six years more than ONE

SHIRLEY BISHOP 824

(Write-in)

3,151 names on checklist
1,025 ballots cast

PROPOSED ZONING
AMENDMENTS

QUESTION #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend Article 200, Section 229, b. New Construction for Condominium Conveyance - by changing: Construction shall not exceed five units per building to: Construction shall not exceed four units per building for all multi-family structures built after March 2004? (Recommended by the Planning Board. Majority Vote Required.)

RATIONALE: This housekeeping change is needed so that we will not be in conflict with the requirement of the Zoning Ordinance to only allow four units in a structure.

YES 739
NO 224

QUESTION #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend Article 300, Section 352, a. by adding the following language: The minimum lot area shall be two acres per dwelling unit? (Recommended by the Planning Board. Majority Vote Required.)

RATIONALE: As the ordinance reads today, a structure of 4 units can be placed on a two-acre lot. This amendment would require eight (8) acres, which would be closer to the intent and character of the Rural Zone.

YES 650
NO 311

QUESTION #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend Article 300, Zoning district Regulations, Section 352 Restriction Governing Uses, b. by changing the required frontage in the Rural Zone from 150' to 200'. The new-section shall read: Each lot shall have a minimum width of 450 200 feet frontage at the street or highway line? (Recommended by the Planning Board. Majority Vote Required.)

RATIONALE: This change will assist in protecting and enhancing the Master Plan's intent of promoting the rural character of the zone.

YES 595
NO 366

QUESTION #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend Article 300, Section 301 Permitted Uses - Table of Uses by not allowing multi-family dwellings in the rural zone (RU)?

	Residential Uses	R	LR	RC	RR	RU	RS
4	Multi-family Dwelling	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N

(Recommended by the Planning Board. Majority Vote Required.)

RATIONALE: This change will assist in protecting and enhancing the Master Plan's intent of promoting the rural character of the zone.

YES ☒ 641
NO ☐ 299

QUESTION #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend the Zoning Ordinance by amending Article 200 by adding to Section 240, Sign Regulations, by adding a subsection R. This new subsection will read as: **Enforcement, Notification and Removal. It shall be the duty of the Code Enforcement Officer to notify the violator and/or building owner of any violation in writing and if condition or violation is not corrected in five (5) business days from the date of notification, the Code Officer is authorized to impose a fine as specified by the Board of Selectmen?** (Recommended by the Planning Board. Majority Vote Required.)

YES ☒ 672
NO ☐ 280

RATIONALE: To promote the beautification of Alton, to protect the rural character and to make sign enforcement more effective.

QUESTION #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend the Zoning Ordinance by amending Article 200 by adding to Section 240, Sign Regulations, by changing subsection M. All political signs, including posters, are considered to be temporary and shall be removed within ~~15~~ **7 (seven)** days of any general, state, and/or local elections and shall not require any permit. The candidate, candidates, or group whose name appears on any such sign shall be responsible for their removal? (Recommended by the Planning Board. Majority Vote Required.)

YES ☒ 795
NO ☐ 155

RATIONALE: To promote the beautification of Alton, to protect the rural character and to make sign enforcement more effective.

QUESTION #7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend the Zoning Ordinance by amending Article 300 by adding to Section 352, Restrictions Governing Uses, by adding the following subsection e. **For all lots created after March 2004, no more than 25% of the minimum lot requirement can be made up of Jurisdictional Wetlands and Steep Slopes - 25 % or greater?** (Recommended by the Planning Board. Majority Vote Required.)

YES ☒ 628
NO ☐ 312

RATIONALE: This addition to the Ordinance will protect ecologically-sensitive areas and reduce damage to both the natural and cultural environments caused by excessive soil erosion.

QUESTION #8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To add to Article 200, Section 235 APPEARANCE REVIEW A. Purpose: The Town finds it desirable to protect, enhance, and perpetuate areas of historical, cultural, architectural, artistic or geographic significance located within the Town of Alton; to protect and enhance the Town's economic base by attracting tourists, visitors and residents; to stabilize and improve property values; to foster civic pride by protecting the Town's unique cultural heritage by prohibiting the unnecessary destruction and defacement of its cultural assets; to preserve historic architectural design and integrity; **to protect significant viewsheds and vistas**, and to ensure the harmonious, orderly and efficient growth and development of the Town? (Recommended by the Planning Board. Majority Vote Required.)

YES ☒ 642
NO ☐ 292

RATIONALE: This addition to the Ordinance allows the town to address those areas of significant beauty.

QUESTION #9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend Article 400, Section 410 Term, Membership, Authority, and Duties, by changing the number of alternates from three to five as follows: in conformance with RSA 673:1, IV, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Board of Adjustment consisting of five (5) members and five (3) (5) alternates whose qualifications, duties and organizations shall conform to the provisions of RSA 673:3-17? (Recommended by the Planning Board. Majority Vote Required.)

YES ☒ 725
NO ☐ 202

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping change to allow the Board to stay current with the existing state RSA.

QUESTION #10: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend Article 200, Section 235 B, Review Process by adding the words **and subdivision** to allow the subsection to read as follows: "As part of its site review **and subdivision** process the Planning Board shall review each proposal for conformance with the intent of this ordinance? The Board shall take into account the location within the community, surrounding properties and proposed use of any proposed development in making its decision." (Recommended by the Planning Board. Majority Vote Required.)

YES ☒ 664
NO ☐ 270

RATIONALE: This will allow the Planning Board to work with the applicant on issues related to scenic views, landscape design improvements, and other issues related to aesthetics.

QUESTION #11: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #11 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend Article 300, Section 363 Restrictions Governing Use (In the RR zone) by changing the word **family** to **dwelling unit**? This section shall read as follows: a.

The minimum lot area shall be:

1. Dwelling - 1 acre per **family dwelling unit**. No more than two (2) dwellings per lot are permitted with out subdivision approval.
2. All other uses - 1 acre.

(Recommended by the Planning Board. Majority Vote Required.)

YES ☒ 712
NO ☐ 233

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping change in order to express the original intent of the ordinance.

QUESTION #12: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #12 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend Article 500, Definitions by changing the definition of **Frontage Street**? The new definition shall read as follows: **Frontage Street** - The distance along the front lot line or right-of-way line of a ~~public or private street~~ **Class V Highway or better** measured in feet. Each lot shall meet minimum frontage requirements on the street through which beneficial access is achieved. Also, see Frontage, Shoreland. (Recommended by the Planning Board. Majority Vote Required.)

YES ☒ 682
NO ☐ 256

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping change in order to express the original intent of the Master Plan and the subdivision process that requires that subdivision roads be brought up to Class V standards.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING